

BLOCKS

My Grandmother still uses pine
blocks for heat. Orders a dumptruck
load every summer & waits
for me to visit stack
them in the basement.
She carries 5 or 6 in old
coal bucket up wooden stairs
& dumps them in wash tub
next to her kitchen stove.
Once a day in preparation.

MOTHER'S DAY

Yesterday Lisa spent half
an afternoon making her
mother a card with smiling
red sun green hills & flowers
divided by blue stream
& smiling yellow fish.
You're the sunshine
of our lives it says.
I try to call my mother
(spred a little sunshine)
but get 3 busy signals
before I get thru
then no answer.
Try again tomorrow.

-- Phil Weidman

North Highlands, CA

HORSES

most are friendly
(but not all gentle)
others downright mean

-- M. K. Book

Lincoln NE